

*DELAWARE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OVERSIGHT
COUNCIL*

MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Stuart, at Delaware State Fire School in Dover. Those in attendance were as follows:

Council Members

<i>Robert Coupe</i>	<i>Dept. of Safety & Homeland Security</i>
<i>Jason Baxley</i>	<i>DSP Aviation</i>
<i>Larry Tan</i>	<i>New Castle County EMS</i>
<i>Bruce Nisbet</i>	<i>Medical Society of DE</i>
<i>Dana Bowerson</i>	<i>Practicing Paramedic</i>
<i>Alan Robinson</i>	<i>Fire Prevention Commission</i>
<i>Maria Carmen Diaz</i>	<i>EMSC</i>
<i>Glenn Luedtke</i>	<i>Sussex County Member at Large</i>
<i>Romain Alexander</i>	<i>Governor's Office</i>
<i>Ross Megargel</i>	<i>State EMS Medical Director</i>
<i>Bill Betts</i>	<i>DVFA</i>
<i>Mike McMichael</i>	<i>DVFA Ambulance Committee</i>
<i>Colin Faulkner</i>	<i>Kent County EMS</i>
<i>Kate Groner</i>	<i>ACEP</i>
<i>Karyl Rattay</i>	<i>DHSS</i>

Council Staff

<i>Diane Hainsworth</i>	<i>OEMS</i>
<i>Jacki Poore</i>	<i>OEMS</i>

Guests in Attendance

<i>Mike O'Malley</i>	<i>DEMA</i>
<i>Warren Jones</i>	<i>DVFA</i>
<i>Matthew Neumann</i>	<i>OEMS</i>
<i>Rick Hong</i>	<i>DPH</i>
<i>Tim Cooper</i>	<i>EMSPS</i>
<i>Robert Mauch</i>	<i>SCEMS</i>
<i>Jay Jones</i>	<i>DVFA</i>
<i>Joe Ferrell</i>	<i>Biospatial</i>
<i>Dave Zaiman</i>	<i>Biospatial</i>

I. INTRODUCTION

DEMSOC members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 20, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.

III. PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

Tim Cooper reported that they recently held a mass fatality tabletop exercise in May. They also held a COOP exercise in May. Some upcoming exercises are a SNS/RSS Full scale exercise on September 26-28; Public Health Preparedness Symposium on November 12. They are working on the RAD Plan, the Family Assistance Plan and the Mass Care Plan.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1) Opioid Update

Diane Hainsworth reported that most of the update was covered in agency reports but noted that the Naloxone leave behind report will be shared after the Overdose System of Care Committee meeting.

2) Biospatial Presentation

Dave Zaiman and Joe Ferrell presented the capabilities of Biospatial.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1) Agency Reports

Fire Commission

Alan Robinson reported that the next meeting is next Tuesday at 9 am at the Delaware State Fire School in Dover. He reported that they are having discussions on all Ambulances carrying the same medications.

New Castle County

Chief Tan reported:

Paramedic Academy Class: The 3rd New Castle County Paramedic Academy class started April 1st. The recruits completed a 2-week orientation before starting their EMS training at Good Fellowship EMS Training Institute in West Chester, PA.

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The class is completing their EMT-Basic certification, which is a prerequisite for entry into the paramedic curriculum.

Opioid Technical Assistance Grant: New Castle County EMS has agreed to provide technical assistance to the state EMS Office and Division of Public Health. New Castle County is already participating in the Christiana Care Health System Community SOS Project, the Criminal Justice Subcommittee of the state Addiction Action Committee (chaired by Secretary Coupe), and the Superior Court Criminal Justice Mental Health Special Needs Committee.

Resuscitation Academy: New Castle County EMS hosted a one-day Resuscitation Academy on Saturday, June 1st. The fire service had requested consideration for a one-day continuing education format that could be held on a weekend to increase the ability of their personnel to attend the training. New Castle County EMS also provided training on high-performance CPR to the Wilmington Fire Department Academy Class that recently graduated.

EMS Cyclist Course: New Castle County EMS hosted an EMS Cyclist Course in May. Four (4) New Castle County Paramedics and several Wilmington University constables attended the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA)-sanctioned course. Wilmington University permitted the program to be held at their new facility on Concord Pike.

Mission Lifeline EMS: New Castle County received the Mission: Lifeline – EMS Silver Plus award from the American Heart Association for 2018. The Silver Plus award was the highest level of eligibility until next year, as eligibility is determined by the number of years for data submission. The recognition of New Castle County EMS has resulted in the entire Delaware ALS system receiving recognition for implementing a high standard of prehospital care and treatment according to nationally accepted recommendations and standards.

DSP

Jason Baxley reported that they have received 800 doses of Naloxone from the OEMS. 400 troopers will be carrying 2 doses each.

As he previously mentioned all troopers are receiving a trauma kit, he brought in one of those kits for the group to see.

DPH

Karyl Rattay reported that the Governor is signing an Opioid Impact bill today. The bill will allow a fee on Opioid prescriptions. A plan in the statute is for funds to go towards the recommendations of the Addiction Action Committee as well as the Behavioral Health Consortium and the Overdose System of Care Committee. She reported that there is an Epidemiological report due to be released soon that shows for those who died from an overdose in 2017, about 70% had been seen in the ED and about 50% had interaction with EMS prior to their death.

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Rick Hong reported that the Overdose System of Care Committee meeting is next week. He stated that a couple committee members were able to visit the Tuerk House in Baltimore, which is a stabilization center, more information to come at the meeting.

He reported that there has been a confirmed case of Brucella in Delaware, he mentions as this is sometimes associated as a select agent or bioterrorism, in this case it was caused by unpasteurized milk.

OEMS

Diane Hainsworth reported that last week they held an Immerging Infectious Disease tabletop exercise with the hospitals, epidemiology and the state lab. There will be a regional full scale exercise held in 2020, more info to come.

She reported that they have started a trauma/burn surge plan under the HPP grant. They have had to facilitated discussions; one with Crozer as well as one of the regional burn experts; one in regards to transport. A report will be released at the Trauma System Committee meeting on the 20th.

One of their vendors has done a comprehensive report on four different states that are doing community Naloxone leave behind, the report will be released to the Overdose System Committee on the 18th. They have been awarded another Opioid grant, RCORP, which focuses on the rural areas. The first year is a planning phase.

They are still very active with the tourniquet program and Stop the Bleed program.

Medical Direction

Ross Megargel reported that there is a new communication program, Twiage that is in direct competition with another program, Pulsara. Both have phone apps that allow EMS to contact the hospital without having to use the radio, along with many other features. There are a lot of potential advantages as well as some issues or concerns.

A motion was made to have both parties present to DEMSOC, motion was seconded and approved.

EMSC

Maria Diaz reported that their next meeting in Tuesday, August 13 at 12 noon at the Fire School. They will be holding a pediatric skills course for EMS providers on November 21.

Ambulance Committee

Mike McMichael reported that DEMSA continues to meet regularly. He reported on some National EMS events including the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride which came through Delaware.

Ambulance Safety

Glenn Leudtke reported that the Fire Prevention Commission has set up a small group to look at where to go regarding ambulance standards.

Kent County

Colin Faulkner reported that they have closed on property on Forrest Ave. This new location will cut response times to the western part of the county in half. They are gearing up for a couple of big events, Firefly and the Air show.

Sussex County

Robert Mauch reported:

AHA Mission LifeLine: SCEMS has been awarded the Gold Plus recognition from the American Heart Association Mission LifeLine EMS recognition program for excellence in cardiac and stroke care. This is their second year receiving this award level.

Accreditation: SCEMS continues to work towards completion of their CAAS accreditation application. They have started the final read through of the application in anticipation of a submission by July 1st.

Public Safety Headquarters: This is currently in architectural design phase and is anticipated to be a 3-4-year long project. They have conducted several meetings with the architects and are beginning to see ideas materialize.

West-side Station Construction: Permitting has been approved and they are in the process of creating the RFP for construction. They anticipate construction to begin this spring. With the restructured deployment of the West side units, they have seen a reduction in the number of dual unit responses into the Seaford area.

FTEP: SCEMS has adopted and implemented the FTEP FTO program in conjunction with Agency360 FTO software. This allows near instantaneous cloud-based entry of evaluation forms and detailed data on candidate performance. These initiatives help keep SCEMS entry standards high and reduce the burden of paperwork on the FTO's and administrative staff.

Cardiac Arrest Improvement Workgroup: A committee of field paramedics, administrative staff, and the medical director have embarked on an initiative to provide a more detailed CPR analysis report to the crews involved in a cardiac arrest. This should help to identify areas where process improvement can be made.

Resuscitation Academy: After two years of planning and preparation, they will be hosting their first cardiac arrest Resuscitation Academy in coordination with Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue. This will be held on September 10th as part of the DVFA EMS Conference and will be at the fire school in Dover.

DriveCam: Since implementation system-wide in October, SCEMS has appreciated a 32% decrease in the number of events and a 54% decrease in the severity of observed behaviors.

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Jeff Cox retirement: Jeff has announced his retirement after near 28 years of service to SCEMS. He will be transitioning to Christiana Care LifeNet where he has been a part-time flight paramedic for the last 14 years.

Phoenix Ceremony: On May 11 SCEMS and the Sussex County Volunteer Ambulance Association recognized 39 survivors of out of hospital cardiac arrest. In all, 287 rescuers including 53 SCEMS Paramedics were involved in these saves. This was the 6th working together with the SCVAA to coordinate this ceremony.

Annual EMS Banquet: The 2018 awards and recognition banquet was held on April 27th with over 150 EMS providers and family members attending. Members of the EMS community, including BLS, ALS, and Hospital staff were recognized for their efforts and contributions to the delivery of emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of Sussex County.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT